

God Bless Mother.

A little child with flaxen hair,
And sunlit eyes, so sweet and fair,
Who kneels when twilight darkens all,
And from whose loving lips there fall
The accents of this simple prayer:
"God bless!—God bless my mother!"

A youth upon Life's threshold wide,
Who leaves a gentle mother's side,
Yet keeps, enshrined within his breast,
Her words of warning,—still the best;
And whispers, when temptation tries,
"God bless!—God bless my mother!"

A white-haired man who gazed back
Along Life's weary, furrowed track,
And sees one face,—an angel's now!—
Hears words of light that led aright,
And prays, with reverential brow
"God bless!—God bless my mother!"

—BROOKLYN MAGAZINE.

What They Fought About.

A boy came home red, rumped, bruised, and excited. "Come my son," said his father, "What is the matter? You seem to have been fighting. Was the boy larger than you are?"

The boy looked uneasy, and mumbled, "No; I don't know that he was."

"Really! And now what did you fight for?"

A long delay, then he blurted out the truth, "Cause he wouldn't give me half of his apple."

"Indeed! Didn't give you half of his apple! So you have set up as a highway robber, taking your neighbor's goods? And a bully and a coward, whipping a small boy! Go, now, and get washed and dressed."

"He deserves a whipping," said his sister.

"Not at all. He has not lied; he told frankly the truth."

The boy, glad of getting off so well, soon returned to the tea-table, wearing a smiling face.

"There is no place here for you" said his father, calmly. Such principles as you act upon are not popular at this table. You will find proper food for a boy who conducts himself as you have done on a stand in the corner of the kitchen."

But breakfast and supper arranged thus proved unendurable to the boy.

"Can I never come back?" asked the poor child.

"Certainly, when you have made your affairs right."

"But how can I do it?"

"Take your own money, buy the little boy an apple, and give it to him with an apology. Then you will be once more an honorable fellow, and we shall be glad of your company."

And so they settled it.—Sel.

The Forgotten Letter.

The Scriptures forbid us to judge one another, and especially because few can judge others without condemning themselves; and few who have condemned others are afterwards willing to acknowledge their own faults. Here is a story of one man who was as ready to confess his own faults as to condemn another.

It is related of Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston that one day in Utah, when his command was two days distant from a

mailing station, he found that a captain had returned to the camp forgetting to post a letter which the general had intrusted to him. But all the commander said was: "I can imagine no excuse for such carelessness, captain."

Not long after, the general himself discovered in a winter coat, which had been packed away, a letter which a long time before he had received from the surgeon with the request that he post it. He had taken it to the station, forgotten to post it, and it had remained in the pocket for six months.

The conscientious general first apologized to the surgeon, and then he sent for the captain and said, "I beg your pardon for reproving you for an offence in which I myself set the example."—Sel.

Tell A Straight Story.

Between any two points there can be drawn but one straight line, though there may be many crooked ones.

A man who tells a crooked story may vary in every time—the man who tells a straight story will tell it over and over without contradicting himself.

This is the great test of truth, and lawyers sift witness by requiring them to repeat their testimony again and again, that they may find some flaw or contradiction in it. But a person who tells the truth and keeps cool, is not likely to be tangled in his talk.

"A boy twelve years old was the important witness in a lawsuit. One of the lawyers, after cross-questioning him severely, said:

"Your father has been telling you how to testify, hasn't he?"

"Yes," said the boy.

"Now," said the lawyer, "just tell us how your father told you to testify."

"Well," said the boy, modestly, "father told me the lawyers would try and tangle me in my testimony; but if I would just be careful and tell the truth I could tell the same thing every time."—Sel.

Early Youth.

No matter how long you live you will never have any more valuable years than the first twenty years of your lives. There is a spring and elasticity in early youth that makes them the very act of pleasure. Seeing a boy jumping about in a field, a lady said to me, the other day, "Is it because he is so young that he is so happy?" That was exactly the reason. Youth is pre-eminently a time of wealth of well-being. Ask that old, care-worn millionaire, who drives past you in a splendid carriage, what he would give in exchange for your youth. He will answer, "Everything I have." "What would you give to be as young as I am?" asked a top of Talleyrand. The wrinkled

old wit and diplomat looked at him a moment and said, "I would almost be willing to be as foolish."—Sel.

The National W. C. T. U.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union holds its fifteenth annual meeting, October 19-23, in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York.

Mrs. Mary T. Burt and Gen. Clinton B. Fisk will welcome the Convention, and Mrs. Mary A. Livermore will respond. William Blaikie, author of the well known books on physical culture, will speak on his favorite theme. Bishop Fallows, of Chicago, will preach on the "Ecclesiastical Emancipation of Women." Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, the philanthropist, will present to the National W. C. T. U. a "Woman's Flag," emblematic of International good-will, of peace and of purity.

The address of the President, Miss Frances E. Willard, will review all present phases of the woman's movement, including the International Council of Women at Washington and the National Council there organized; also the World's W. C. T. U. and the Chicago Council of Women, of all of which she is at present the executive head.

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To Young Men.

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Not of the kind that sneers at the idea of personal purity.

Not of the kind that thinks Christians mild sort of fools.

Not of the kind that owes the tailor, liveryman, and everybody else.

Not of the kind that is a connoisseur of whiskey.

Not of the "yes yes" kind.

Not of the kind that calls mother "old woman" and father "old man."

Not of the ignorant infidel brood.

Not of the coward kind.

Not of the iceberg variety.

Not of the "I can't" tribe.

Not of the kind that is better acquainted with pool than the fifth chapter of Deuteronomy.

Not of the evading, scuffling, shuffling-through-life kind, "having no hope and without God in the world."—Watchman.

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Stations	pm	pm	am	am
Lv Pittsburgh	2:35	7:30	6:35	1:30
Wheeling	8:50	10:15	9:25	1:45
Bellaire	9:27	10:53	10:02	2:25
Zanesville	11:47	1:23	12:41	5:36
Newark	2:25	2:25	2:00	6:45
Ar. Columbus	3:25	12:25	3:00	7:50
Ar. Cincinnati	7:30	7:30	7:30	
Louisville	12:40	12:40	7:00	
St. Louis	6:40	6:40	7:45	
Lv. Columbus	11:05		11:20	14:55
Mansfield	2:23	13:55	4:37	10:28
Ar. Sandusky		8:00	7:00	15:30
Lv. Tiffin	3:48	8:07	8:52	10:18
Ar. Chicago	11:40	4:50	5:30	6:30

EAST BOUND.

Stations	pm	pm	am	am
Lv. Chicago	9:30	12:10	10:2	16:45
Portoria	9:37	8:52	6:50	1:29
Tiffin	10:18	6:25	7:39	1:02
Sandusky		6:25	7:40	00
Ar. Mansfield	11:44	8:43	9:53	2:46
Lv. Cincinnati	7:10	7:10	7:30	
Columbus	11:05	11:05	11:20	4:55
Lv. Newark	1:40	12:15	12:50	4:55
Zanesville	2:25	1:04	1:30	7:05
Bellaire	4:42	3:25	4:30	8:06
Wheeling	7:10	4:00	5:30	12:45
Ar. Pittsburgh	10:30	4:45	5:00	4:00
Washington	5:15	4:15	7:20	
Baltimore	6:15	6:15	8:30	
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Try It Yourself.

"It is of no use to argue the question, Phil, I am neither stubborn nor opinionated. I have simply learned a lesson that will last a lifetime."

"Look here, Jack! you are like some old bachelor who has been jilted by one woman, and goes about declaring all women are false."

"Not at all! My brother Charley died of Bright's disease, brought on by using one of these so-called 'blood purifiers'—the kind you see attractively advertised in every book and corner. It contains iodine of potassium, a drug useful in extreme cases when cautiously given under a doctor's supervision, but death-dealing to all who take it in quantity. If your brother had died under such circumstances, you would hate patent medicines as I do."

"I do dislike the name of that mis-called 'blood purifier' for I have heard a first-class physician say it is the cause of half the cases of Bright's disease in the country, and it is strange the proprietors have not been prosecuted for selling it. But I was recommending Vinegar Bitters and that does not contain any mineral, narcotic or other hurtful drug."

"Oh, nobody supposes that old woman's remedy will hurt anybody; the question is will it cure anything? I'd soon think of taking some of my grandmother's herb tea."

"You would be better off, Jack, if you had some of that tea to tone up your system now, instead of taking a glass of brandy to make you sleep one night, and perhaps a bottle of beer the next."

"Is this a temperance lecture, Phil?"

"No, it is a Vinegar Bitters lecture. I've taken the medicine more or less for fifteen years, and look the wild world over, you will not find a healthier man than I am."

"What is all this nonsense about old style and new style Vinegar Bitters; are they different?"

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"And you insist that the proof of the pudding—"

"Is the eating—precisely. Jack, get a bottle of the old style Vinegar Bitters—men, I think, prefer old style usually—try it, and you will then be like an old bachelor who, after railing against women for years, falls in love with a good woman at last. You will say there are good and bad patent medicines, but Vinegar Bitters is the best of the lot."

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Indianapolis	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am
St. Louis	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
St. Paul	11:30 am	11:30 am	11:30 am	11:30 am
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STATIONS.	No. 2.	No. 4.	No. 6.	No. 1.	No. 3.
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Indianapolis	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am
St. Louis	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
St. Paul	11:30 am	11:30 am	11:30 am	11:30 am	11:30 am
Chicago	12:30 pm	12:30 pm	12:30 pm	12:30 pm	12:30 pm
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